

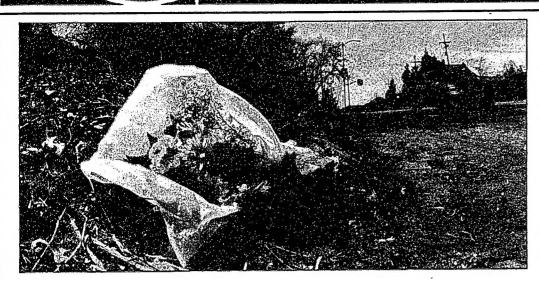
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(right) Flowers were left Easter morning near the spot where Anani Acouetey lost control of his vehicle, which collided with a brick fence post. Acouetey died of injuries sustained in the accident.

(below).UNO student Robert Tisdel takes a picture of the makeshift memorial near 52nd and Dodge streets, to which he added flowers early Easter morning. Tisdel worked with Acouetey in the UNO food court and said he had seen him as recently as Friday.

photos by Chris Machian

# UNO student killed in weekend accident

Kristin Zagurski

A UNO student died early Saturday morning as a result of injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident.

Omaha police said Anani Acouetey, 26, was driving westbound on Dodge Street near 52nd Street when his vehicle went out of control.

The red four-door 1997 Ford Contour he was driving skidded sideways to the south side of Dodge Street, where it struck an embankment yard. The car then collided with a brick fence post and overturned, police said.

Acouetey, the only person in the car, was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the accident, which occurred at 2:11 a.m. He was taken to the University of Nebraska Medical Center where he was later

pronounced dead

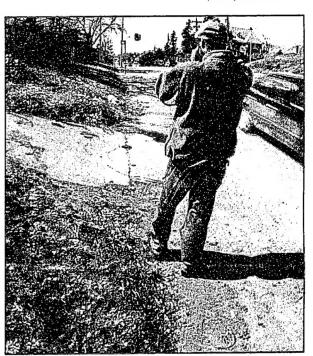
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Police said high speeds were a factor in the accident. They are also investigating whether alcohol was a factor.

A pile of flower bouquets lay in the yard near the scene of the accident Sunday afternoon — evidence that those who knew Acouetey had stopped to pay their respects.

An international student from Togo, a small country in western Africa, Acouetey was part of the Intensive Language Program at UNO from October to December of last year. He started work towards an undergraduate degree in economics this semester, said Teresa Gleason of University Relations.

Acouetey was a resident of University Village and worked for UNO's Food services.



# Researcher Jane Goodall speaks to UNO community

Angie Schaffer

More than 640 students, university employees and members of the community gathered in the Milo Bail Student Center Thursday night to hear words of hope from world-famous researcher Jane Goodall.

Goodall took the opportunity to speak about her life, her experiences with African chimpanzees, her hopes for the future and various conservation programs she is involved with.

Goodall began the speech with a brief history of her life, specifically her childhood. She explained ther childhood

curiosity about nature and how it became the driving force behind her life's work.

Goodall's study of African chimps has earned her international prestige. She has written many books for both adults and children, many of which have been translated into other languages. *National Geographic* articles and a Discovery Channel special have cemented her fame.

Currently, Goodall uses her fame to promote programs that protect nature and help humanity. Many of these programs are offshoots of the Jane Goodall Institute, a blanket organization that "advances the power of individuals to take informed and compassionate action to improve the environment of all living things," according to the institute's Web site at www.janegoodall.org.

Goodall's speech Thursday included the presentation of a mural made by Omaha's Kindernook Preschool's Roots & Shoots program, one of the many programs sponsored by the Jane Goodall Institute.

"You give me a great boost," Goodall told the children.

After describing her own life, Goodall spent most of the time promoting activism. This activism focuses on the hunting of

certain wildlife species for exotic "bushmeat," the destruction of the environment in general, certain practices in zoos across the world and cruelty to people.

"We need to be wise shepherds," she said. "We have not been wise shepherds."

Addressing the common complaint that "one person can't make a difference," Goodall responded: "Can you imagine the change if every single one of us in the world thought we could make a difference?"

Goodall made a point to explain why she feels there is hope for humanity. She

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## May softball 3-1 at Red Lion Tourney

Paul Freelend

#### Softhall

UNO's softball team fell just short of a perfect 4-0 performance in an abridged version of the Red Lion/UNO tournament, falling in extra innings to Missouri Southern to finish 3-1.

Six teams instead of the original 10 participated as the tournament moved from the LaVista Sports Complex to the UNO Claussen-Westgate Field. The Mavs opened play on

Friday against Truman State and cruised to an 8-0 win in five innings. Kelly Moats and Jennifer Carson each had doubles for UNO, while Erin Bluml's pinch-hit double earned her a pair of RBIs. Krista Unger scattered six hits while holding TSU scoreless to pick up her 16th win of the season.

In-state rival Nebraska-Kearney gave the Mavericks a good tussle before eventually falling 9-6. UNK posted three runs in the first inning on pitcher Emily Adkins and held a 3-1 lead going into the fourth inning before the Mav offense got back in rhythm. UNO scored two runs in the fourth and fifth innings before pulling ahead to stay with four runs in

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# Department of Public Administration receives school designation

Linda Sedjro

Not even a \$2.26 million budget cut and impending further cuts could prevent UNO from turning one of its most prestigious programs into its own school.

UNO's former Department of Public Administration is now the School of Public Administration.

The dean of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service, B.J. Reed and the acting chair of the School of Public Administration, Christine Reed, are optimistic for the future of the new

"The school designation will give us greater visibility nationally and hopefully it will attract graduate students to our programs from the Midwest region in addition to the many who already attend from the

Omaha and Lincoln areas," Christine Reed said.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved the designation of the Department of Public Administration as a "School of Public Administration" at the board's Feb. 23 meeting in Lincoln.

"A school structure is the typical organization pattern for nationallyrecognized academic units in the field of public administration," B.J. Reed said in a press release.

Even before its designation as a school, the Department of Public Administration offered degree programs at all levels, training and community outreach programs.

The School of Public Administration, which is a unit of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service, has become a complex, multidisciplinary organization that offers degree

programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, said Russell Smith, director of the Public Administration School.

Currently, the school offers a master's of public administration program on the UNO and UNL campuses, and works with UNMC to offer a master's of public health degree.

The school also undergraduate and graduate course work in urban studies and an undergraduate degree program in aviation through the UNO Aviation

Aside from offering degree programs, the school also conducts statewide training programs for public officials and provides externally funded outreach programs in the metropolitan area.

The largest among these outreach programs are those for

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Noted primate researcher Jane Goodall uses a stuffed animal to demonstrate a point to a crowd of 600-plus at UNO Thursday

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cited the human brain, the resilience of nature, the "indomitable human spirit" and the young people around the world as her reasons for hope.

Having spent many years studying chimps and discovering animals, Goodall considers them to be very similar to humans. She believes spoken language is the major difference between humans and animals, and cites the fact that chimpanzees have personalities and emotions and use tools to support her position.

Goodall told a story about a chimpanzee in a zoo who, about to drown, was rescued by a bystander. The man, fearing for the creature's life, jumped over a fence to rescue the chimp because he looked in its eyes and saw "a man."

"If you see that look," Goodall explained, "you have to

This is the spirit behind Goodall's lecture tours, bookwriting and lobbying.

"Once I let go," she says on www.janegoodall.org, "It all comes crowding in and I have pictures in my mind of chimps in chains, chimps in laboratories. It's awful."

Goodall also mentioned the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and told the story of Hansen, a rescue dog with the New York Police Department, who cut his foot while searching through wreckage for survivors. Hansen refused to eat or sleep and insisted instead on searching through the wreckage with boots

"Animals can be so courageous," Goodall said, holding a boot. "Think of them as the amazing creatures that they are."

"I feel so happy, so lucky to have had the opportunity to see nature."

## UNO's William Brennan Institute for Labor Studies to host "Chasing The American Dream" conference

Linda Sedjro

Do American families work longer hours for less income than they did 12 years ago? Recent research says they do.

In order to study the current state of working families in the United States, UNO's William Brennan Institute for Labor Studies is hosting a one-day conference titled "Chasing the American Dream."

Subjects such as unionization around the world, the role and function of unions in the economy, the importance of cultural diversity in building worldwide worker solidarity and how to capture the American dream through community will be discussed at the conference.

The event will be held Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. at the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No. 3 Hall, 3333 S. 24th St., Omaha.

The conference will host many speakers who will speak about topics related to workers.

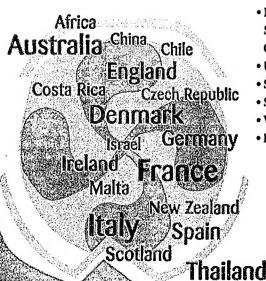
"We're bringing in some of the best and brightest union minds to speak about social and economic justice issues," said John Kretzschmar, director of the institute.

Speakers scheduled to attend the conference are Elizabeth Drake, public policy department, AFL-CIO; Owen Herrnstadt, director of international affairs for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers; Esther Lopez, field mobilization, AFL-CIO, Mary Beth Maxwell, field director of Jobs With Justice; and Charles Williams, associate director of research, National Education Association.

For more information on the William Brennan Institute for Labor Studies at UNO, call 595-2344.

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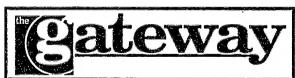
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# Study of teens links TV viewing to future aggression

Karen Patterson
The Dallas Morning News

The more time youths spend watching television, the more likely they are to commit aggressive acts in the future, a new study concludes.

Teens who watched three or more hours of TV a day were five times more likely to commit aggressive acts in the next several years as those who watched less than one hour a day, reported the study, which appears Friday in the journal Science.

"Our study suggests that kids would be better off if they watched less than one hour a day, on average," said the lead author, Jeffrey G. Johnson of Columbia University. "And this is not just for little kids, but through adolescence."

The study is noteworthy for several reasons, experts said: It followed children well into adulthood to see the effects of their earlier viewing habits; it examined total TV-watching time, not just a preference for violent programs; and it took into account a variety of other factors that could contribute to aggressive behavior.

Dennis Wharton, a spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters, said that many studies have examined TV violence, and that some have drawn opposite conclusions. "That suggests that the jury is still out on this," he said.

The study followed 707 children in

upstate New York for 17 years. Scientists reported TV viewing habits at two intervals: In 1983, when the group's average age was 14; and in 1992, when the average age was 22. The researchers used reports from the subjects, their mothers, and state and federal criminal records to gauge aggression over the eight years after each study.

Among those who watched TV less than one hour a day in 1983, fewer than 6 percent were found to have committed an aggressive act in the next eight years, compared with 22.5 percent of those who watched one to three hours, and 28.8 percent of those who watched more than three hours daily.

"If anything, these numbers are probably underestimates," said Johnson, noting that some acts of aggression may not have been reported. Acts considered aggressive were assaults resulting in injury, threats of violence, robberies and use of a weapon in a crime.

The research is distinct from other studies because it linked TV viewing in general — not just viewing of violent programs — to later aggression, said L. Rowell Huesmann of the University of Michigan, whose studies of TV violence and aggressive behavior have reached similar conclusions. Still, because past research has shown that about 60 percent of television programs have violent content, it may be the violent programming that is

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Hot and sweaty . . .

# Latest trend in exercise is high-temperature yoga

Rhoda Fukushima Knight Ridder Newspapers

Bob Davis, host of KSTP radio's latenight show, had no idea what to expect when he began taking Bikram yoga last fall.

Students do the same 26 postures every class, in a room kept at 105 degrees Fahrenheit. Classes are 90 minutes long.

Davis took to it immediately, despite the environmental challenges.

"It was hard," says Davis of Minneapolis.
"It's just hard to get through it and not puke.
But it gets easier."

Apparently so. After Davis' gym closed, he started taking two yoga classes a day.

Yoga in a sweatbox is making its way across the country.

Bikram is a form of hatha yoga, which focuses on posture, movement and breath. It takes its name from its creator, Bikram Choudhury, a former yoga champion from India. The moist heat in the classroom's environment encourages deeper stretching and detoxification — i.e. sweating.

"It is a great class for anyone who doesn't have real specific health concerns," says Mara Carrico, yoga spokeswoman for the American Council on Exercise. "If they're out of shape and a couch potato, it's going to be a killer."

Yoga is an ancient tradition, but with the popularity of mind-body medicine, it has become an area of scientific study. In one small study last year, researchers at the University of California at Davis found that regular hatha yoga practice can improve physical fitness. They recruited 10 healthy,

untrained people who attended at least two yoga classes a week for eight weeks. Each session consisted of 10 minutes of breathing exercises, 15 minutes of warm-ups, 50 minutes of yoga postures and 10 minutes of relaxation in a "corpse" pose. Researchers found that the subjects' muscular strength, muscular endurance and oxygen uptake improved.

A Bikram yoga class consists of 26 postures sandwiched between two breathing exercises. The poses are performed in the same order every time — twice. Standing and balancing poses take up the first hour of class. The last half-hour consists of poses done on the floor.

"Most of my students are type A who think they can go in there and do everything," says Martha Williams, who runs a Bikram studio in Minneapolis. "It is sort of impossible."

The class isn't for everyone. Before signing up, students should get their doctors' blessing, says Mary Margaret Anderson, who runs a Bikram studio in Plymouth, Minn.

She does not recommend the class for pregnant women, people with heart conditions or young children. People with certain back conditions and or joint replacements also should avoid or modify certain poses that could aggravate their conditions.

"Any time there are set postures, people need to remember not all bodies fit them," says Carolyn Hedin, owner of Bluewater Yoga Studio in Red Wing, Minn.

In a Bikram yoga class, students learn to focus on the instructions, not the instructor.

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municipal clerks in the United States and the statewide program for local government management, Smith said.

UNO's former Department of Public Administration received recognition this fall in the 2002 edition of Best Graduate Schools, published by U.S. News and World Report.

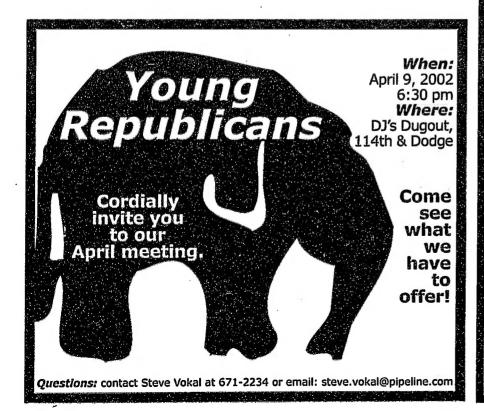
The Department of Public Administration was recognized nationally as the 22nd-ranked master's degree program in public management, the 20th-ranked program in urban management and policy and the seventh-ranked program in information management and technology.

Overall, UNO's Master's of Public Administration Program was ranked 31st nationally among 259 similar programs and 17th nationally among public universities accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs an Administration.

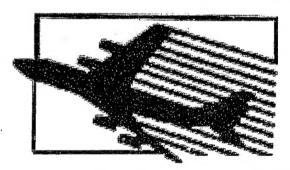
The designation of public administration as a school is not likely to bring about major changes, but Christine Reed hopes more external funds will be brought to the new school.

"The designation of public administration as a school will not change the basic organization of the department but in fact, it is a recognition that public administration has already become more than an academic department," Christine Reed said.

"I have served as a public administration faculty member for 20 years and watched the department mature and grow in the quality of its faculty, students and programs," Christine Reed said. "I am delighted at the news."



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Speak no evil . . .

# First Amendment crippled by Sept. 11 attacks

Josh Bashara

#### Manic digression

Shortly after the day that will now live in infamy for the rest of our lives (and is also "commemorated" by a few nice painted coins and broach pins), Congress quickly passed the 342-page "USA Patriot Act," which extends a great deal of power to law enforcement officials.

This McCarthy-esque document allows search and seizures to be permitted without prior definition of the objects or material to be obtained. Essentially, it allows searches in the name of national security on a hunch. Furthermore, those who engage in any non-violent activity on behalf of any suspected terrorist organization can be immediately deported.

Wiretaps can be now be placed on individuals without immediate judicial review. The attorney general now has the power to lock up any individuals thought to be associated with terrorists. The government has already detained 1,200 people it believes are threats to the

country since Sept. 11.

The passage of the act has already shaken the foundations of the Constitution. Will further attempts to retain airtight national security bring the pillars of our rights to freedom crumbling down? It seems like we are letting the terrorists accomplish exactly what they wanted in the first place — the compromise of our American way of life and freedoms.

Friday night, I briefly caught the tail end of a news story on the radio. The details escaped me, but are not important. After the attack, two men - both U.S. citizens - publicly expressed their pleasure with the fall of the World Trade Center towers. Both men were communicating their opinions in a nonviolent manner. Both men were arrested and now face charges. When the men tried to bring the First Amendment to their defense, the judge ruled that it didn't apply because the men knew that their words would "incite anger."

What this boils down to is a newfound excuses to burn those who disagree with the policies of this country. Some would say (and have said) that if these men want to glorify the Sept. 11 attacks, and speak out against our country, and then try to use the freedoms associated with this country in their defense: "Well, let them go to Afghanistan or some other third-world country and see how much they can speak out their opinions there without fear of retribution."

And the truth is, this statement sums it all up: Speaking publicly about such things would not be accepted in most other countries.

There are many places where expressing your opinions and ideals will get you jailed, tortured or worse. The point is, we are different.

If we prosecute these men, and others like them in the future, then what is to become of these freedoms and liberties we are all so patriotic about? When is the critical mass reached that we finally tear up the roots of the Constitution, the roots of our country to provide a safer and more secure United States?

These men will be prosecuted, I predict, and another piece of what we are fighting for will be lost. Although not the most popular and sensitive point-ofviews, they were well within their rights to express them in a non-violent manner.

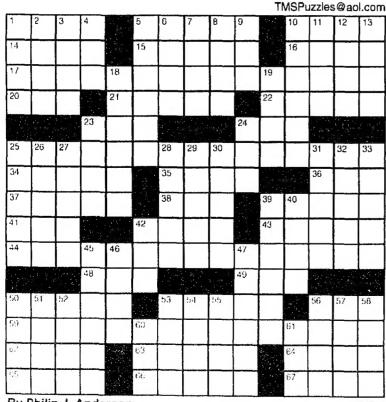
It is, after all, what the red, white and blue stands for, isn't it?

The First Amendment means nothing if it doesn't protect us. Although many people would not agree with these men and others like them, they must remain able to speak their beliefs. It may be immoral, insensitive and may seem downright criminal, but despite this, Americans must be able to remain unfettered in the expression of ideals. Even the death of thousands should not compromise this freedom.

We are approaching a difficult time ahead, where liberalism will be viewed as communism was in the McCarthy era, and international dominance will be seen as patriotism. Sensitivity will be high among the people of this country, and certain ideas and views will simply not be tolcrated.

In these times, decisions must be made when and where to take a stand. How do we expect to stand united when we are tearing each other apart from within our own borders? Take a stand for yourself and your rights, lest we lose sight of what it is we are supposedly doing half a world away.

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## Utterly unengaging TV contest's prize: being on TV

**David Hinckley** New York Daily News

The fact that a show as unusually braindead as The Bachelor has made it to the prime-time schedule of a major network underscores once again an unshakable truism:

The highest, most meaningful and most enduring compliment we can pay to anyone is to say, "I saw you on television."

It doesn't matter what you did to get there. You could be throwing your jacket over your head as the FBI is arresting you for masterminding a child pornography ring. You could be falling facedown into a pig trough.

Doesn't matter. You were on television. That means you are more famous than anyone who is not on television. It means you are more important. It means that you have done more with your life than people who are

not on television.

The Bachelor, for those tuning in late, revolves around a 31-year-old management consultant, Alex, a product of the same Hunk Factory that clones TV news reporters these

But Alex is even better than that, ABC assures us. Alex is ready to get married - a phrase that, as we all know, causes every unattached woman in America to drop whatever she's doing, along with any trace of self-respect, and line up to snag him.

"Hi, I'm Alex. I'm into romance and fitness. My favorite snack is Balance Bars." What's to resist?

So ABC rounded up 25 women to, in effect, audition. He'll meet them, chat with them, maybe, you know, take 'em out for a test drive and at the end of the six-week series he promises that if he really likes one of them,

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The teacher circulates throughout the room giving cues.

"It's a moving meditation," says Scott Potter of St. Paul, Minn., who recently completed 80 classes in 80 days. "I have never gotten bored. You learn something new each time about how your body works,'

Williams and Anderson, who are sisters, went to California for nine weeks of intensive "yoga boot camp" with Choudhury, who requires the training to open a school in his name. Anderson opened her studio in August. Williams taught at the YMCA, Club Shelard and Northwest Athletic Club before opening her studio in October.

After Williams left Northwest, the chain introduced a new program, Synergy Yoga,

which consists of 37 postures done in rooms kept from 85 to 95 degrees. Synergy includes other postures and breathing techniques not done in a Bikram class.

"Synergy is very heart-centered, spiritual, physical — a practice with intention," says Kari Olson, group fitness coordinator at Northwest's club in the St. Louis Park section of Minneapolis. "Focusing on the spiritual eye — the third eye — deep within."

Students leave competition at the door. Or at least they try to.

"There's always going to be someone who can do it better," Davis says, "It's not a race. It's the only thing that combines the spiritual, physical and mental. You're going to meet yourself in there."

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actually having the effect, Huesmann neighborhood was dangerous; and low commented in an e-mail message.

When considered with a variety of other studies examining the issue, the new work allows scientists to say that television viewing probably in some way promotes violent behavior, Dr. Johnson said. "We can be fairly confident in inferring that there's likely to be a cause-effect association."

Dr. Michael Craig Miller, an assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, said TV viewing is just one key to understanding violent behavior.

"I think science has demonstrated some kind of link; it hasn't demonstrated it perfectly yet," he said. "Is it a greater factor than growing up in an atmosphere of violence? Or is it more important than temperament?

'Where there's still a lot of room for debate is, what's the magnitude of the effect?" he said. "How do we weight it against being the victim of real-life violence, or living in a community where you might have witnessed one or more stabbings or shootings, or witnessed domestic abuse?"

Still, one important trait of the study is its attempt to sort out other factors psychological and environmental - that may influence violent behavior, Miller

The researchers - from Columbia and the New York State Psychiatric Institute, along with Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City — said they adjusted their data to account for the youths who already had a history of aggression. At the same time, the scientists adjusted for five other factors that their study linked to both extensive television viewing and future aggression: whether a child was neglected or had a psychiatric disorder; whether the levels of family income and parents' education.

After these adjustments, the research found that with each jump in TV viewing time, subjects in both age groups were significantly more likely to commit an aggressive act in the subsequent eight years, Johnson said.

A 2001 surgeon general's report on youth violence reported that long-term studies show a small but solid relationship between viewing TV violence in childhood and behaving aggressively in later years.

However, not all youths seem to be affected the same by media violence, the report said.

Wharton, of the broadcasters association, pointed out that the TV rating system along with the V-chip - a device that can filter out programs inappropriate for children - are important tools for parents to use to control their children's viewing.

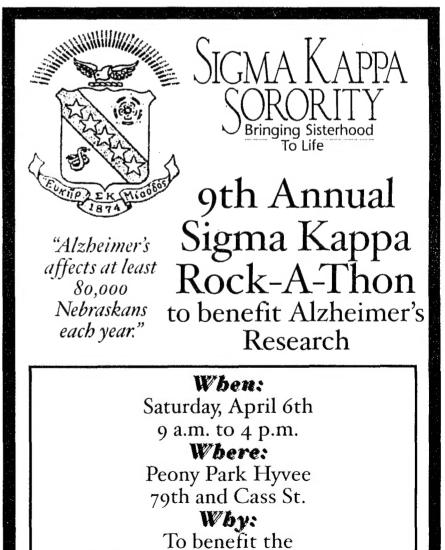
He also cited a study published last week reporting that in 2000-02, TV violence in prime time had dropped 17 percent, compared with 1998-99 levels. Broadcast television - which, Wharton noted, is tamer than cable or satellite television — had an 11 percent prime-time drop, and cable a 39-percent drop, the Center for Media and Public Affairs reported.

Ultimately, Miller said, a more important point may be not whether there is a link between television and violence, but what society should do about it.

"How much restriction are you willing to impose on the wider society to see an improvement in safety, and how much 'would that improvement actually be?" he said. "We don't know the answer."



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Mini-Belck, UNO's "other" chancellor, is a near-perfect clone of Chancellor Nancy Belck. The 1-foot-tall Mini-Belck has been making public appearances on behalf of the bigger Belck for nearly four years. Her daily regiment includes Cream of Wheat three times a day and for exercise, "fun time" with the family's two Dachshunds, who "just love to chase me around and gnaw on my petite limbs."

# Meet Mini-Belck, UNO's "other" chancellor

Gordon Shumway

After more than four years of secrecy. UNO administrators officially acknowledged yesterday the existence of a miniature clone of Chancellor Nancy Belck.

Attendees' reaction to the pint-sized clone ranged from wildly amused to slightly horrified at a coming-out party yesterday afternoon in the MBSC Nebraska Room.

At the event, Dr. Balki Bartokomous, a genetic engineer at UNMC, explained to attendees how a crack team of doctors at UNMC devised and produced the miniature

"The idea of a chancellor clone actually came about shortly after the revelation of [cloned sheep] Dolly, during the time of [former UNO chancellor] Del Weber," Bartokomous "Unfortunately, said. Chancellor Weber left UNO before we could begin the replication process."

Once Belck stepped into the office of chancellor in September 1997, a full-on effort dubbed "Operation UNclOne" began. The duplication process took only six months, and Belck was introduced to her miniature doppelganger in March 1998.

Imperfections in the cloning process at the time produced a Belck only one-fifth the size of her naturally-born counterpart about one foot tall. But other than that, "Mini-Belck," as she was dubbed, retained all other physical characteristics.

In a matter of mere months, a specially trained group of UNO psychology professors molded Mini-Belck into a near-exact twin of the real Belck, including her Texas twang and diminutive personality.

Originally begun so as to ultimately showcase UNMC's technological prowess, Mini-Belck has also served a highly practical purpose for the last four years --- as stand-in for the chancellor.

Chancellor Belck's highly rigorous schedule, which includes hundreds of public appearances and dozens of out-of-state trips each year, was cut in half by the creation of Mini-Belck. In order to "pull the wool" over the public's collective eyes, team members used a combination of miniature props such as podiums, microphones and wineglasses, and depth-perception illusions to maintain the charade.

Chancellor Belck seemed both excited and relieved during the coming-out reception.

"It is such an honor to have been cloned," she said. "Our main goal, of course, in creating my miniature self is to continue UNO's commitment to academic excellence."

Fittingly, Mini-Belck's sentiments echoed her counterpart's.

"I would like to thank, first and foremost, the university for creating me," Mini-Belck told the crowd yesterday. "It is a pleasure and an honor to exist in this world - even if my life is filled with dwarfen pain and meaningless public appearances."

The original Belck said in a postreception interview that the hardest part of taking care of the wee Belck was keeping the family's two Dachshunds from devouring

"It's really rather simple, though," Belck said. "We just keep little me in a cage whenever the dogs are around, which is most of the time."

University officials declined to comment on the likelihood of clones for other NU system chancellors, leading to speculation that clones may already be in place.

# UNO's youngest student speaks his mind

Sponge Harris

UNO freshman Michael Hughes didn't ask to be a child prodigy, but he's not going to whine too much.

"Ca-ca!" is Michael's response to complaints that he is too young to be studying for a degree in child care and education.

At 18 months, Michael is by far the youngest student in UNO history, a title previously held by journalism major Kristin Zagurski, who was a mere 12 years old when she his years -- I mean, year." came to UNO in 2000.

Despite the fact that he is often more than 18 years younger than his fellow students, Michael takes in the college experience with zest. An admitted perfectionist, Michael dedication to revamping the takes the time to write each U.S.'s educational system is his word of his numerous exams and research papers in a different Crayon color, an effort that is not lost on his instructors.

Education professor Buddy Lembeck calls Michael an "old soul ... definitely wise beyond number of other child-skewed

"Me good!" Michael jokes to the students around him, who laugh heartily at his sly mockery of the current state of the nation's educational system.

A testament to Michael's total self-immersion into all things related to child education.

Michael makes it a regular habit to watch Sesame Street and Bob the Builder and a

He even goes so far as to participate activities with 2-years-andunder groups, where he gets the opportunity to behaviors among them.

"Fun, fun, fun!" Michael declares, so impassioned that he

UNO freshman Michael Hughes takes a break from his rigorous school schedule to "surp da



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Drinking among UNO's squirrels has risen dramatically in the last few years. The Organization Against Mass Consumption of Alcohol has announced plans to begin a study and follow-up campaign at UNO, beginning this summer. Here, a squirrel who wished to remain nameless consumes a bottle of liquor near the university's Pep Bowl, a popular drinking spot among squirrels.

# Binge drinking among UNO squirrels to be studied

Blossom Russo

A national organization aimed at stamping out binge drinking on college campuses has announced plans to conduct a study and follow-up campaign at UNO.

Beginning this summer, Organization Against Mass Consumption of Alcohol will begin a year-long study of the binge drinking culture at UNO, followed by a year-long campaign intended to eradicate the problem. The twist? OAMCA will conduct its study among UNO's squirrel community.

Representatives for OAMCA, which had previously attempted a similar campaign at UNL, say the squirrel community at UNO will provide for an ideal study.

"The squirrels at UNO provide such a great study subject because they are the next evolution after UNL students," said Samantha Micelli, head of the organization's task force. "We've found the UNO squirrels to be slightly more intelligent and sophisticated than the general population at UNL. They should provide for an interesting study."

Binge drinking at UNL had become such a problem that a number of task forces and organizations had been put together to combat the problem — seemingly with success. Studies since have indicated a drop in binge drinking. And while binge drinking

problem, alcohol consumption among treedwelling rodents does.

University officials have fielded an increasing number of complaints involving squirrels and alcohol abuse over the last few years, ranging from drunk and disorderly squirrels carousing across campus to medical emergencies requiring the assistance of animal control workers.

The most notable was an October 2001 incident in which an intoxicated squirrel, heading home from a nearby fraternity party, fell from a tree and landed on a female student.

The squirrel was comatose for the next

among UNO students does not seem to be a six days, while the student required 11 stitches to the top of her head.

> Earlier this semester, a group of squirrels formed the Squirrels Against Getting Sloshed and registered with the university's Student Organizations and Leadership Programs

> So far, SAGS has held a campus-wide protest and an alcohol-free rave, said Barb Treadway, director of SOLP.

> "We don't condone drinking among squirrels any more than we do among our students," said Mary Mudd, vice chancellor for student affairs. "[OAMCA's] study will hopefully help the squirrels and the university as a whole."

## Live Wire – the latest in sports

Ren MacCormack

 Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey announced March 11 that March 11 would be Eric Crouch Day in the city of Omaha. Crouch was given the key to city, which apparently opens the door to the mayor's private bidet.

In a related story, Mayor Fahey proclaimed April 1 Kwanzi Watts Day in honor of the former UNO and current Omaha Beef quarterback.

· UNO's athletic department released information today that would result in Bober all have another year of eligibility and will return next season to play for head coach Pat Behrns' team. The announcement prompted UNO to consider moving up to Division I.

- · In other Division I news, North Central Conference member North Dakota State is considering a move from Division II to Division I. NDSU is considering applying for membership in the Mountain West Conference of D-I. Athletic director Gene Taylor was reported as saying that he would like to see the Bison get slapped around year-in, year-out by bad NCAA D-I teams, rather than win every North Central Conference title possible.
- Ak-sar-ben coliseum closed its doors on hockey for good last week. Ak-sar-ben perhaps the greatest Maverick football team was home to the Omaha Lancers, and back of all time. Apparently, MarTay Jenkins, in the 1940's and 1950's to the Omaha Adam Wright, Chris Cooper, and Chris Knights semi-pro hockey club. Detroit Red Wings head coach Scotty Bowman and NHL Hall of Famer Gordie Howe both started their careers at the coliseum. When Howe was asked how he felt about Ak-sar-ben closing, Howe was reported to have replied, "I played in Omaha?"



Many students were on hand for Friday's lecture by the Labatt Blue Bear, including an unidentified student who said he "Just wanted to touch his soft, luxurious fur." The Labatt Blue Bear humored the student, as well as spoke about the dangers of irresponsible drinking. The Labatt Blue Bear, who is originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba, gave out free bottles of beer to the crowd, but warned: "Never drink and drive. UNO's Student Programming Association consored the event which was paid for by your hard-earned tuition

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# arts&leisure

## **CD** reviews

Jimmy Skradski

BYO Records Split Series Vol. III: NOFX & Rancid BYO

The third volume of the BYO Split Series brings together two of the most infamous punk bands in the world, NOFX and Rancid. Fans expecting six new songs from each band will be pleasantly surprised to learn that the bands cover each other's songs and the outcome is amazing.

Each band was bold in song selections and the contrasting styles of both bands make the songs very interesting. NOFX's take on such Rancid tracks as "I'm The One," "Tenderloin" and "Corozon de Oro" follow the East Bay spirit and energy of Rancid. "Olympia, WA," and the reggae-tinged "Radio, Radio, Radio" definitely stand out in this collection. Rancid gives such NOFX classics as "Bob," "The Brews" and "Moron Bros." a full-on Rancid makeover.

Also included are stunning covers of "Don't Call Me White," "Stickin' In My Eye" and "Vanilla Sex." Both bands make each others' songs something completely new without changing almost anything. This collection is a must-have for any fan of punk music.

Grade: A

Weezer

Maladroit
Geffen/Interscope

One year after the success of Weezer's return with the unofficially titled *Green Album*, Rivers and the boys are back again with the much-anticipated *Maladroit*.

The album is what many expect from Weezer: pop, rock, thrash, anthem choruses and girl-themed mature lyrics. The first single, "Dope Nose," is a good hard-driving track with the always-present eatchy Weezer chorus and "Keep Fishin" is a poppy rock song about a girl.

A majority of the songs on *Maladroit* have a classic rock feel to them, especially "Fall Together" and the straight-from-the-'70s "Take Control." The somber "Death and Destruction" has a *Pinkerton*-style feel to it and on the dark "Slob," frontman Rivers Cuomo demands "Get yourself a wife, get yourself a job, you're livin' a dream, don't you be a slob."

Also, the guitar work on *Maladroit* is probably the best yet from the band. Although there's no official release date for the album yet (although probably in early May), Weezer stakes its claim as one of the few rock bands that matters and the dedicated Weezer following will thrive on the fourth offering from the L.A. kings of geek rock.

Grade: B+

Thrice
The Illusion of Safety
Sub City

Thrice is one of those bands that can appeal to everyone. In between hardcore, punk and emo, the band fits snugly into the genre known as melodic hardcore or emocore, with bands like Thursday and Boy Sets Fire.

Overall, this release is pretty decent, but personally I would prefer less screaming and more singing. I like the prettier moments (like the song "Trust") more than the dirtier ones (like "Where Idols Once Stood.").

When vocalist Dustin Kensrue does break out a vocal melody the result is very pleasing, I just wish he were more consistent with it. Throughout the release, the whole sing/scream routine gets old at times, but the old-school Metallica-like riffs keep your attention (think of "Ride the Lightning" guitar licks with smart lyries and hardcore angst). "The Illusion of Safety" is creative and new for the punk world and fams of punk beats, the scream/sing thing and metal solos will appreciate this effort.

Grade: C

# Rob Zombie brings his musical circus to Lincoln

Josh Bashara

Last Monday, thousands of fans from around the area made the

pilgrimage to Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium to see the Master of the Macabre himself, Rob Zombie. On tour promoting his new album, *The Sinister Urge*, Zombie graced Lincoln with his twisted horror/rock show, leaving fans wanting a little more.

Zombie, born Robert Straker, has released two full-length albums since departing from late '80s, early '90s band White Zombie. Borrowing the name of an old Bela Lugosi horror flick, White Zombie helped pioneer the current standard heavy metal sound over the last decade and a half.

Zombie's split from the group left fans in a worried panic, only soon-to-be reassured by the 1998 release *Hellbilly Deluxe*, his first solo release. Zombie's career is still on the rise with the help of aggressive touring (obvious, considering he made a stop in Nebraska).

The show began just as one might expect — in a blast of fire and fury. Upright flame-throwers set up on stage blasted in tempo with the music. A set of horrific, twisted statues and props hosted two huge video monitors that continuously assaulted the audience with nightmarish images. During the song *House of 1000 Corpses*, the crowd was treated to clips from the movie of the same title (which Zombie wrote and directed) that may be released later this year.

Zombie's Harley Davidson/Evil Hillbilly image was true to form, the rocker appearing in his instantly recognizable, gnarled dreads and clad in black. The rest of the band followed suit, oddly looking as if Zombie wanted them to appear as extensions of himself.

During a few songs, two blonde little

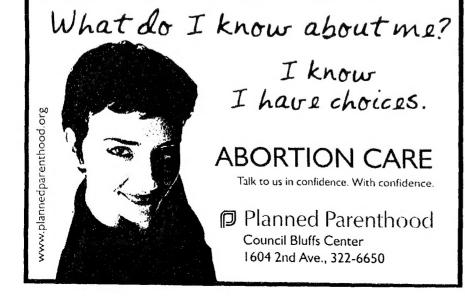
vixens adorned the stage in front of the video monitors, sometimes dressed in '60s go-go apparel, other times in black vinyl S&M gear. Apparently only slightly trained in the art of choreography, they served as eye candy more than anything. Later in the set, a couple of guys in Gwar-esque costumes came out to relieve them of their duties

The sound setup itself was a little lackluster. It was strikingly apparent the music blasting through the speakers was live, which is the opposite of what musicians should strive for during a performance. Zombie's monotone vocals sounded especially dry live, confirming the widespread belief that Zombie is somewhat inept at performing on stage.

The crowd had no trouble swallowing the energy of the show, however. Bodysurfing and moshing were present, although a little scarce. Medical units were on hand for the numerous people seen running out of the crowd with bloody noses or lips, and some suffering from heat exhaustion were carried out.

Some were disappointed that the number of old White Zombie songs played by Zombie could be counted on one hand, apparently ignoring the fact that former and the latter are now two separate entities. Those that were played, though, were the highlights of the set. The crowd became electrified as the first notes of a familiar song began to blast through the sound system. Encoring the show was the song "Blood Milk and Sky," which also ends the White Zombie album Astro-Creep 2000. It brought the energy down a notch, but refined the entire mood and atmosphere of the concert - dark, sinister and grindingly horrific — to leave the audience more than happy that they had the chance — at least once --- to step into Rob Zombie's twisted world of pandemonium.





## Mike's a poet and he didn't know it

Mike Machian

If the phrase "roses are red, violets are blue," comes to mind when you think of poetry, you are in desperate need of enlightenment. Luckily for you, an opportunity for enlightenment is coming Wednesday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Susan Aizenberg will be bringing her newest collection, Muse, to the Weber Fine

Arts Museum for a free reading. The reading is part of the Missouri Valley Reading Series and is sponsored by the Writer's Workshop Department here at UNO.

UNO is nothing new to Aizenberg as she used to teach here and is currently an assistant professor of English at Creighton University. This would be a good chance to hear her collection before its impending publication.



## Ratings drop again as Oscars grow to miniseries length

Manuel Mendoza
The Dallas Morning News

In many ways, last week's Oscar telecast was the most entertaining Academy Awards show in memory. It was also the longest and the lowest rated.

Clocking in at nearly 4 1/2 hours, the Oscars exceeded the length of the other major awards shows — the Emmys and the Grammys — by almost 90 minutes. And unlike the Grammys, it didn't have to accommodate 17 live performances.

Ironically, the seeds for a shorter telecast were planted right there in front of us. And so were the elements that would make up its core: surprises and spontaneity.

Because the awards show was betterorganized and more professionally produced than past Oscars, producers left room for riveting moments — Woody Allen's first appearance ever, Errol Morris' "why we love movies" reel, Halle Berry's near breakdown — as they should.

Trying to make the show shorter by cutting off acceptance speeches or cutting back the length of the honorary awards — a strategy of past years — would miss the

point. Those are largely the reasons people watch, other than finding out which movies and performers win.

Now, whether we need to have three honorary Oscars given out on the same night is another question. Dropping one of them, say Arthur Hiller's humanitarian award, would have saved five minutes this year.

What certainly aren't needed are the things the academy seems unable to let go of, namely performances of the nominated songs plus some kind of production number — this year a segment by Cirque du Soleil that amounted to a non sequitur.

The Cirque mini-spectacle used up almost six minutes, the nominated songs more than 11.

Nonetheless, because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the show was classier than usual. It was as if for once the stars were able to put their importance in perspective, notwithstanding Tom Cruise's self-congratulatory opening gambit about us needing the movies "more than ever."

Without Cruise and other Sept. 11-related touches — Kevin Spacey's moment of silence, for instance — next year's show

would be automatically shorter.

Of course, the question remains whether the academy can exercise good judgment in a year when it isn't forced to by events outside its control.

The length may not be the only reason the show has been losing steam with audiences lately - -last year's hour-shorter telecast had record-low ratings before this year's beat it — but it can't help viewership to run close to 1 a.m. (on the East Coast) on a school night.

The numbers hit a new low, dropping from 42.9 million viewers to 41.8 million. A little over a quarter of the country's TV households were tuned in, compared to 26.2 percent last year.

New producer Laura Ziskin at least

had the right idea. Even some of the bits that failed — including placing the nominated songs in one segment and shortening them to a couple of minutes each — pointed the way toward a more manageable length.

Still, there's work to be

done. Subtracting Cruise, all the academy would've needed to get the show down to four hours was to lose the production number and Hiller's honorary award, plus cut the songs down to a two-minute medley.

And if the Oscars want to get really radical, some of craft awards — visual-effects editing, makeup, etc. — could be truncated or given out at the pre-telecast technical-awards show.

What shouldn't get lost in all the talk of the awards' perverse length is how well this year's telecast generally came off. The laid-back atmosphere was the perfect backdrop for the real drama you can't plan for.

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he will propose.

Some promise, huh? If he meets the right woman, he'll ask her to marry him. Exactly how this makes him different from any other 31-year-old guy is unclear, and exactly why these 25 women think their odds are better in an ABC-TV production than in real life isn't too clear, either.

But that's the thing. It doesn't matter.

What matters is they're on television. They may not get a wedding ring, but they will get a highlight reel. Millions of people will have seen them. They're somebody.

This is hardly a new phenomenon. Shows like *Jerry Springer* realized years ago that out there in the heartland of

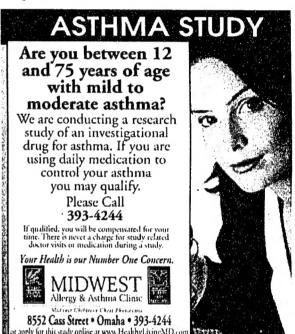
this great country called America, hundreds of thousands of people would stick carrots in their ears and walk downtown dressed as the Easter Bunny if it would get them on television.

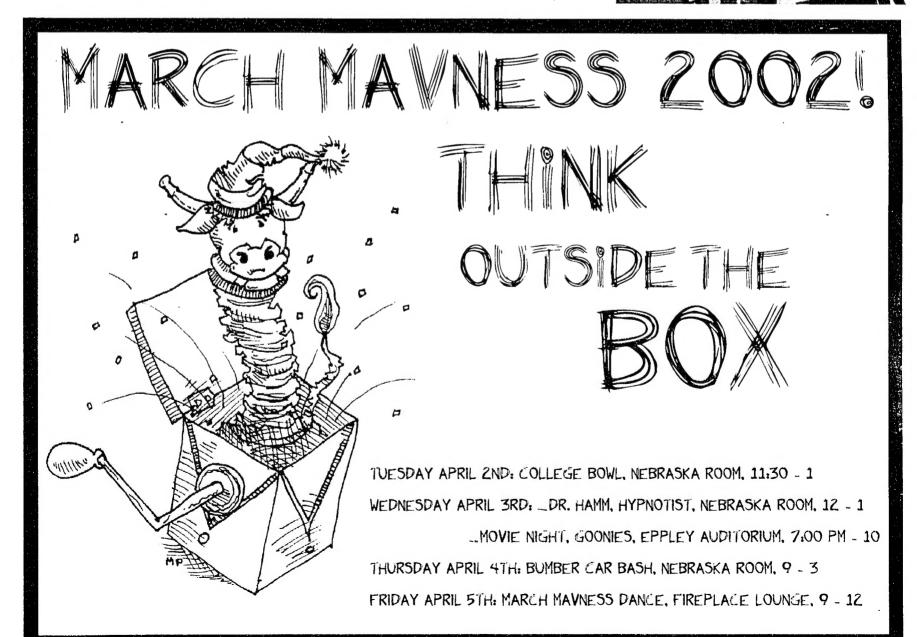
You don't even have to pay them, which is good news when a network is as desperate as ABC must be to produce a show like *The Bachelor*. Their reward is that for once in their lives, they can look at the television set, where all the famous and important people get together, and see themselves.

Now they're famous and important, too.

Must be.

They're on television.







# sports

# Outdoor track opens up season

Brian Brashaw

#### Track

UNO's outdoor track and field team kicked off the season in two different locales. The majority of the team was in Kearney for the annual UNK Open, while three of the team's competitors were sent to Decatur, Ill., to compete in the Millikin University Heptathlon.

UNK Open

Carly Lambert finished first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.28 seconds. Rita Kitchens finished fourth in the event, posting a time of 12.57. Kitchens also took fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.99.

In the 400-meter dash, the Mavericks took both third and fourth. Syd Merz finished third with a 57.97 second mark and Andrea Walker crossed in fourth at 58.64.

Amanda Mahan took home third in the 800-meter run (2:23.98) and Darcy Preston won the 1500-meter run (4:51.37). Two Mavericks placed in the top five in the 3000-meter run. Michelle Ellingson won the event with a time of

10:35.31 and Molly Miller took fourth in 10:56.88. In the 100-meter hurdles, Mandy Neneman took third for UNO (15.49) and the 400-meter relay team won the event with a time of 47.89 seconds.

In field events, Tara Phillips claimed second place in the high jump, leaping 5 feet, 2 inches. Melissa Meisinger took third in the women's triple jump, spanning 38 feet, 1 inch.

Millikin University Heptathlon

The heptathlon includes 100-meter low hurdles, high jump, shot-put, 200-meter dash, long jump, javelin throw and 800-meter run.

After the first day of competition, UNO's Lindsey Hunter stood in second place with 2,794 points, just 30 points behind leader Nikkisha Maynard of Lincoln University. Kalyn Byers was in third for the Mavericks with a score of 2,649 points, and Laurel Stuehm was in sixth with 2,278 points.

At the end of the second day, Maynard had won the event and Hunter remained in second. She finished with 4,451 points, just 49 short of provisionally qualifying for the NCAA II outdoor meet. Stuchm finished sixth with 3,531 points.

Infielder Nicole Vos throws out a runner during weekend play. The Mav softball team went 3-1 during the weekend stint, bringing its season record to 26-3.

# Mav netters sweep Tigers

Paul Freelend

#### Tennis

UNO's tennis team won its second consecutive dual as the Mavericks swept their way to a 9-0 victory over Fort Hays State Friday.

FHSU only managed to win two of the 17 sets played in the dual. UNO's doubles team started the meet off in strong style as the No. 1 doubles team of Bridgette Komasincki and Mikaila Spalding beat the Tigers' top pair of Val Imming and Rachel Brown 8-4. Jenika Schmidt and Sarah Huls won 8-3 at No. 2 doubles and the Mavs completed their sweep of the doubles matches when Lindsay Henjum and Lindsay Loveland cruised to an 8-1 victory at No. 3 doubles.

Komasincki kept UNO on the right track, beating Imming at No. 1 singles 6-2, 6-1, and Schmidt sealed the win for the Mavs with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Kim Groene at No. 2 singles. Huls won the first set in her No. 3 singles match against Brown 6-1, but Brown bounced back to win the second set 6-2 and force the match into a deciding third set in which Huls held on to win 7-6 and take the match 6-1, 2-6, 7-6.

Spalding fell into a slightly different situation at No. 4 singles, dropping the first set 6-4 to FHSU's Abby McGreevey before rallying to take the next two sets and win 4-6, 6-3, 7-6. Henjum eased past Emile Kaiser at No. 5 singles 6-2, 6-2 and Loveland capped the Mavs' sweep of the proceedings with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Lauren Frank at No. 6 singles.

UNO improved to 6-2 on the season with the win, while FHSU fell to 6-10. The Mavericks will return to the courts Friday when they will play the first of two duals against North Central Conference competition. North Dakota comes to Omaha Friday (time TBA) and St. Cloud State will go up against UNO at 6 p.m. Saturday night. Both duals will be held at Hanscom Park Tennis Complex.

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the sixth inning.

Erin Drinnin lead the way for the Mavs, going 3-4 with four RBIs, two runs scored, a home run and a double. Kelsey Duckworth was 3-5 with two RBIs, one run scored and a double, Nicole Vos was 3-4 with a run and a double and Moats was 1-3 with an RBI, a run and a triple.

Both UNO and Missouri Southern entered their game with 2-0 records in the tournament. The Mavs broke open the scoring in the fourth inning with a three-run home run from Drinnin, her 10th round-tripper of the season. Missouri Southern countered with two runs in the next half-inning, though, and scored again in the sixth inning to tie—the score. It was not until the ninth inning that either side broke the deadlock, when Missouri Southern scored the game-winning run and handed the Mavs just their third loss of the season. Sarah Scheppers went 3-4 with a run and a double for the Mavericks, while Carson and Kelleigh Warren each had doubles.

Adkins took over the pitching duties in UNO's last tournament game against Central Missouri State and scattered eight hits in a 4-0 shutout for the Mavs. Amanda Lehotak gave UNO all the offense they would need with her eighth home run of the year, in addition to her two runs and two stolen bases. Warren and Vos each hit a double while Duckworth went 2-2 with an RBI.

UNO's 3-1 record in the tournament put its season record at 26-3 and gave the Mays second place as Missouri Southern went 4-0. Central Missouri State and Truman State were each 2-2, while Minnesota State-Mankato was 1-3 and UNK finished last at 0-4.

UNO will play a doubleheader today against North Central Conference foe South Dakota starting at 4 p.m. before squaring off against Missouri Western in a doubleheader Thursday.

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## Maverick Madcaps

Brian Brashaw

Football hits spring gridiron

Spring practice has begun for the UNO football team. The team's first scrimmage was held last Saturday at Caniglia field.

Johnnie Nolen ran for 63 yards and two touchdowns on runs of 34 and one yard. Frank Golwitzer scored the only other touchdown of the afternoon.

Golwitzer intercepted a Trey Guidry pass and returned it 42 yards for the first score of the scrimmage.

Four different quarterbacks saw action in the scrimmage. Guidry, playing through a pulled pectoral muscle, played only one series, completing two of five passes for 22 yards. Brian Masek ran for 52 yards from the quarterback slot and David Slaughter went 4 for 5 for 29 yards

throwing. Thadd Recek led all Mavericks in receiving with three catches for 36 yards.

. UNO will resume practice Monday with two more scrimmages planned before spring practice concludes with the Spring Game April 19.

> Watts in spotlight for Beef Former UNO quarterback Kwanzi

> > see Madcaps, page 11

## Second-string **Millionaires** Live Wire Part II of III

Brian Brashaw

In this day and age, the professional athlete is making more money on average than the president of the United States.

That, along with the celebrity status. drives kids to push themselves incredibly hard to get to the professional ranks. The tragedy is that most, over 99 percent, in fact, fall short of the dream. But the lure still drives millions to the point of leaving school early, dropping back-up plans, and risking it all for that one shot at glory.

In the one-in-a-million chance that one does make it to the big leagues, tons of money, freedom, access to everything they could ever want and a total lack of responsibility expound the stresses of performing well. Most times, the situation becomes self-destructive.

Said Megan Sexton in the August 1999 "We are continually Bolte Report witnessing escalating salaries for all players, not just the ones who deserve it, and it is becoming quite destructive."

Incentive based-contracts for incoming rookies would give them the time to not get so wrapped in who they've become, but allow the athlete to grow into his or her role.

According to an article in 1998 titled "The Young Guns" by Detroit Free Press writer Nick Cotsonika, few quarterbacks drafted in the top 10 have succeeded in recent years. In 1998, of the 30 starting quarterbacks in the league, 12 were selected in the third round or lower and two were free agents. Stardom is hardly guaranteed in any case, and from times past, especially this one.

Peyton Manning and Ryan Leaf, for example, were drafted in 1998 and their teams were so sure that their new draftees would take them to the promised land, they threw ridiculous amount of money at them, as well as colossal pressure.

Manning was signed to a \$42.7 million contract with an \$11.6 million signing bonus. Leaf was signed to \$31.25 million and an \$11.25 million bonus. The case of Ryan Leaf is a disastrous story.

Leaf left school a year early for the big time. In his first few games, he looked like he should be throwing snowballs instead of pro balls. In his rookie season, he committed 11 of the San Diego Chargers' first 12 turnovers, and in frustration went ballistic on the media more than once. One game he completed more passes to the other team than he did his own, throwing 1 for 15 with two interceptions. All this money thrown in his direction clearly cracked him and led him down the path that had destroyed so many others.

Hall of Famers and gray hairs of the NFL agree: there was too much money

to someone with too many expectations too soon. Terry Bradshaw, who took his fair share of losses and lost teeth before winning four Super Bowls, said in Cotsonika's article "I'd say it takes five years to figure it out. Maybe 90 percent never get it. With big money comes big responsibility, and these guys are just kids.'

Ron Jaworski, an ex-Super Bowl quarterback, agreed, saying "You pay these guys and you throw them out there, whether they are ready or not."

Rookie hopefuls, no matter how stellar their college career, still have a slim shot at becoming what they were hyped to be. The Chargers threw away more than \$40 million on Ryan Leaf and it set them back financially in future years because afterwards, they didn't have the dough to spend elsewhere. In some ways, they are still paying for that mistake.

Indianapolis Colts president Bill Polian is aware of the problem. He stated that because of free agency and the vulture-like mentality playing in the league nowadays, people, as well as the teams, foolishly expect big contracts to translate to instant success.

Polian's Colts shelled out over \$50 million for Manning and are just now seeing dividends. However, there are still questions on whether they are getting their money's

An incentive-based contract for both of these players would have allowed them to gradually grow into their positions, which would have been better for both the player and the teams. The teams would have also had some spare cash to surround their stars with solid players to ease the transition. The old saying goes that if you surround yourself with greatness, it makes you look great. The Colts are trying to do that with the additions of Edgerrin James and Marvin Harrison. Both are making Manning look better than what he probably is at this point, taking nothing away from his potential. In the case of the Chargers, the risk they took on Leaf never gave them a chance to be great.

One thing teams must remember is that Rome wasn't built in a day --- especially draft day. In any case, the athlete needs the time to grow and mature to avoid the pitfalls that a professional career entails. Signing rookies to multi-million dollar contracts without ever seeing them in the pro light is not only silly, but counter-productive to the team financially, and in most cases is bad for the careers of the players themselves.

Next Live Wire, the Ricky Williams incentive-based experiment and a look at how the salary cap-based NBA is dealing with rookie contracts.

### from Madcaps, page 10

Watts replaced starting quarterback Troy and claimed that it was 10 times faster Travis in the Omaha Beef's home opener Saturday against the Tri-City Diesel. Travis, last season's Indoor Professional Football League MVP, went down with a hyperextended elbow in the first quarter.

Watts led the Beef to three scoring drives and rushed for 93 yards, including one touchdown. While Watts ran well, he struggled throwing the ball. Watts was 2 for 9 throwing with one touchdown and three interceptions.

Watts will now be sharing quarterback duties with Tory Veland until Travis returns, which will be at least six weeks. This was his first experience with the indoor game anything he had faced before.

May harriers excel in classroom

UNO's cross country team was honored as one of the all-academic teams by the NCAA Division II Cross Country Coaches Association.

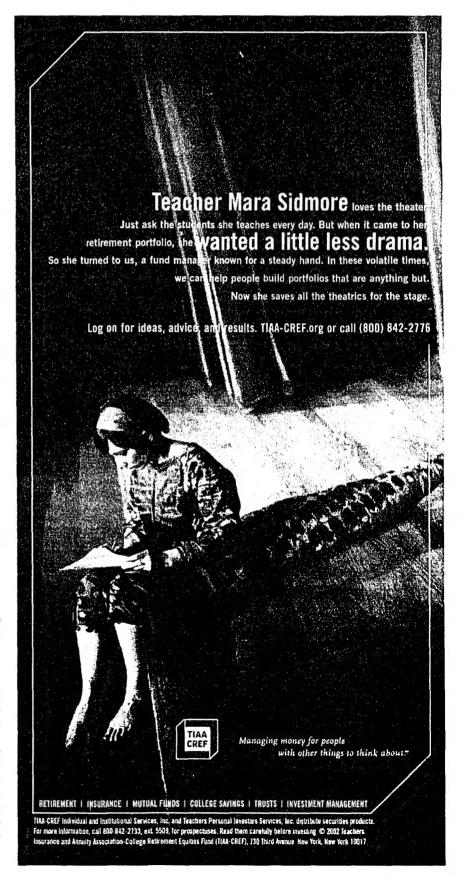
Out of 73 schools nominated for the honor, the Mavericks' 3.742 collective grade point average was third in the country. In addition to the team honor, runners Melissa Hines and Bridget Stephenson were individually honored. Hines (3.979 GPA) was 12th among those nominated, while Stephenson (3.321 GPA) was 116th.

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#### Tues., April 2nd

Sponsored Programs 7:30 am Catholic Campus Ministry Performance Evaluation 9 am

11 am SPO SPO 11 am

11:30 amStudent Organizations

11:30 am Traffic Appeals 11:30 amSociety of Professional Journalists

11:30 amEconomics Advisory Board

12 noon Catholic Campus Ministry 12 noon SPO Board Goodrich Students  $1 \, \mathrm{pm}$ 2:15 pm Edge Focus

3:50 pm Delta Epsilon Chi Student Health Advisory Council

 $5~\mathrm{pm}$ **Engineering Certification**  $6 \, \mathrm{pm}$ Alpha Xi Delta 6:50 pm Christ on Campus

Lambda Theta Nu

Wed., April 3rd

8 pm

Goodrich Students 8 am 8 am Campus Crusade

9-50 am Student Affairs Professional Staff

MPA Meeting 10 am

SPO

12 noon African American Organization 12 noon Assoc Latin American Students

12 noon A.A. Meeting

12 noon Chapter Summary Bible Study

12 noon Brown Bag Speaker- David Corbin

12 noon Omicron Delta Kappa 12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance

Diversity Law Day 4 pm

#### Thurs., April 4th

Sponsored Programs 7 am 9 am "Consider This

9 am Larry Morgan's Staff Meeting 11 am Quest

SPO 11 am

12 noon MBSC Advisory Board 12 noon Reference Librarians

12 noon Catholic Campus Ministry Student Development Team

3:39 pm. The Edge Focus -3:50 pm Panhellenic

4:30 pm Student Marketing Association

Delta Sigma Pi 5 pm Dr. Cawelti Reception -5 pm

College Republicans [6 pm Student Government 7 pm Dr. Cawelti Presentation 7 pm

Delta Sigma Pi 7 pm Campus Crusade 8 pm

#### Fri., April 5th

11 am SPO

11:30 amSenate for Faculty Development 11:30 amUkrainian Luncheon

12 noon Geography Bee 12 noon Interfraternity Council

12:30 pmA.L.A.S. Student Development Team 1 pm1:30 pm Student-Centered Learning

1:50 pm faculty Development Orientation Training I2 om Judicial Board 12 pm

5:50 pm/Alpha Sigma Lambda 15:30 pm Campus Ministry International

7 pm Quest March Mayness Dance 8 pm

#### Sat., April 6th

Orientation Training 8 am

Omicron Delta Kappa Spring 6 pm Leadership

Bennington High School

#### Sun., April 7th

Hand Game & Stomp Dance 7 am Zeta Tau Alpha 2 pm

 $2 \ pm$ Sigma Kappa  $5 \, \mathrm{pm}$ Sigma Lambda Beta Delta Sigma Theta 5 pm Pi Kappa Alpha 5 pm Chi Omega 5 pm

5:30 pm Golden Key Pi Kappa Alpha

#### Mon., April 8th

7 pm Honors Program Shadow

Day 11 am SPO 11:50 amESC Luncheon

11:30 amHonors Program Shadow Day

12 noon MASTER Success 12:15 pmDoctoral Program Committee

UNO Graduate Council  $2 \, \mathrm{pm}$ 

5 pm Chi Omega 5:50 pm Engineering Certification

Pi Kappa Alpha

SPO Circle K 8 pm

#### Tues., April 2nd

Sponsored Programs 7:30 am Catholic Campus Ministry 8 am

Freshman Honpraries Breakfast

Facilities Managers 11 am Psychic Suzanna

11:30 amStudent Organizations 11:30 am Traffic Appeals

11:30 amProject Achieve Reception

11:30 amZeta Tau Alpha 12 noon Catholic Campus Ministry

12 noon SPO Board Goodrich Students

Staff Advisory Council 2 pm

2:15 pm Edge Focus 3:30 pm Delta Epsilon Chi

Student Health Advisory Council  $6 \, \mathrm{pm}$ Alpha Xi Delta Pi Kappa Alpha 6 pm

Faculty Women 6 pm  $6 \, \mathrm{pm}$ O.A.A.

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